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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM (ANEL FERROVIARIO)
TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY REPORTS ON RECENT TRIP

1. INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY LOCAL PRESS JULY 8, BAHIA STATE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION WELLINGTON FIQUEREDO GAVE
FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO BELGIUM GERMANY AND
THE US TO LOOK AT EQUIPMENT FOR RAIL LOOP PROJECT.

2. BELGIUM-FIQUEREDO REPORTED THAT DIRECTORS OF BANQUE
BRUXELLS LAMBERT HAD OFFERED SEVEN YEAR LOAN FINANCE
SALVADOR PROJECT. TERMS WERE NOT ANNOUNCED BUT FIQUEREDO
STATED THAT BELGIANS HAD FURTHER INDICATED THAT SHOULD
BELGIAN EQUIPMENT BE SELECTED FOR THE LOOP THROUGHT
INTERNATIONAL BIDDING PROCESS FINANCE CHARGES ON THE LOAN WOULD BE
REDUCED THROUGH A SUBSIDY FURNISHED BY BELGIAN MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE. FUNDS FROM THIS SUBSIDIZED LOAN COULD ALSO BE
APPLIED TO CIVIL CONSTRUCTION WORK MADE NECESSARY BY AND
ATTENDANT TO THE ADOPTION OF BELGIAN EQUIPMENT. SECRETARY
CONCLUDED THAT THIS OFFER PLACED BELGIAN INDUSTRY IN
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EXCELLENT COMPETITIVE POSITION FOR BIDDING ON LOOP EQUIPMENT.

3. GERMANY-SECRETARY REPORTED THAT GERMANS WERE THE MOST EXPERIENCED MANUFACTURERS OF PRE METRO EQUIPMENT SINCE THEY HAD BEEN IN THE FIELD MORE THAN 15 YEARS.

4. US FIGUEREDO NOTED THAT BOEING-VERTOL EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD UNDERGONE THREEYEARS OF TESTING OFFERED EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS OF SAFETY AND COMFORT FOR THE PASSENGERS.

5. IN SUMMING UP HIS IMPRESSIONS SECRETARY WAS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS BELGIANS OFFER GOOD FINANCING GERMANS THEIR EXPERIENCE AMERICANS COMFORT AND SAFETY. ONLY INTERNATIONAL BIDDING CAN TELL WHICH OF THEM, WE WILL CHOOSE BECAUSE ALLIN SYNTHESIS ARE GOOD SECRETARY ALSO ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO VISIT ONLY THE THREE GROUPS WHICH WERE IN CONTACT WITH NATIONAL FIRMS TO MANUFACTURE EQUIPMENT IN BRAZIL WITH A PROGRESSIVE INDEX OF NATIONAL CONTENT.

6. FULL SET OF CLIPPING ON SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO BRASILIA (RUSER) AND RIO (WELLS) SLEIGHT

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